

## PRINTER OR LAMINATOR SUPPLY

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An identification card printer or laminator system includes a card transport mechanism configured  
5 to transport a card along a path, a printer or lamination mechanism configured to print or laminate the card, a print or lamination consumable supply, and a controller. The printer or lamination consumable supply includes a tag circuit that contains supply data  
10 including a tag security code. The controller is configured for communication with the tag circuit and is further configured to allow operation of the printer or laminator system with the consumable supply when the tag security code is valid, and to prevent operation of  
15 the printer or laminator system with the consumable supply when the tag security code is invalid.